



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., accompanied by female House Democrats, speaks at an event ahead of a House vote on the Women's Health Protection Act and the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, July 15, 2022.

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House votes to restore abortion rights, Senate odds dim

By FARNOUSH AMIRI and MARY CLARE JALONICK
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has voted to restore abortion rights nationwide in Democrats' first legislative response to the Supreme Court's landmark decision overturning Roe v. Wade.

The bill has little chance of becoming law, with the necessary support lacking in the 50-50 Senate. Yet voting marks the beginning of a new era in the debate as lawmakers, governors and legislatures grapple with

the impact of the court's decision.

The legislation passed 219-210. The House also passed a second bill to prohibit punishment for a woman or child who decides to travel to another state to get an abortion, 223-205.

"Just three weeks ago the Supreme Court took a wrecking ball to the fundamental rights by overturning Roe v. Wade," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ahead of the votes, gathering with other Democratic women on the steps of the Capitol. "It is outra-

geous that 50 years later, women must again fight for our most basic rights against an extremist court." Republicans spoke forcefully against the two bills, praising the Supreme Court's decision and warning that the legislation would go further than Roe ever did when it comes to legalizing abortion. Urging her colleagues to vote no, Washington GOP Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers called abortion "the greatest human rights issue of our generation."

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She said the Democratic legislation "has nothing to do with protecting the health of women. It has everything to do with forcing an extreme agenda on the American people."

By overturning Roe, the court has allowed states to enact strict abortion limits, including many that had previously been deemed unconstitutional. The ruling is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

Already, a number of GOP-controlled states have moved quickly to curtail or outlaw abortion, while states controlled by Democrats have sought to champion access. Voters now rank abortion as among the most pressing issues facing the country, a shift in priorities that Democrats hope will reshape the political landscape in their favor for the midterm elections. This is the second time the House has passed the bill, which would expand on the protections Roe had previously provided by banning what supporters say are medically unnecessary restrictions that block access to safe and accessible abortions. It would prevent abortion bans earlier than 24 weeks, which is when fetal viability, the ability of a human fetus to survive outside the uterus, is generally thought to begin. It allows exceptions for abortions after fetal viability when a provider determines the life or health of the mother is at risk. The Democrats' proposal would also prevent states from requiring providers to share



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"medically inaccurate" information, or from requiring additional tests or waiting periods, often aimed at dissuading a patient from having an abortion. The bill that would prohibit punishment for traveling out of state would specify that doctors can't be punished for providing reproductive care outside their home state. Democratic Rep. Lizzie Fletcher of Texas, one of the bill's authors, said the threats to travel "fail to reflect the fundamental rights that are granted in our Constitution." Democrats have highlighted the case of a 10-year-old girl who had to cross state lines into Indiana to get an abortion after being raped, calling it an example of how the court's decision is already having severe consequences.

"We don't have to imagine why this might matter. We don't need to conjure up hypotheticals. We already know what's happened," Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar said Thursday on the Senate floor. "Should the next little 10-year-old's right or 12-year-old's right or 14-year-old's right to get the care that she desperately needs be put in jeopardy?" The Constitution doesn't explicitly say travel between states is a right, though the Supreme Court has said it is a right that "has been firmly established and repeatedly recognized." Yet the court has never said exactly where the right to travel comes from and that could leave it open to challenge or elimination, as the right to an abortion was.

Lawmakers in Missouri earlier this year, for example, considered making it illegal to "aid or abet" abortions that violate Missouri law, even if they occur out of state. The proposal was ultimately shelved. Democrats have teed up more bills for passage in the coming weeks. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Friday that the House will vote next week on legislation guaranteeing a right to contraception. GOP Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, who supports instituting a nationwide ban on abortion, accused his colleagues across the aisle Thursday of seeking to "inflame" the issue of abortion. He said proponents of the travel bill should ask themselves, "Does the child in the womb have the right to travel in their future?"

Only two Senate Republicans, Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins, have been supportive of abortion rights, but they do not support the Democrats' proposal, calling it too far-reaching. They have introduced alternative legislation that would bar states from placing an "undue burden" on a woman's ability to obtain an abortion before fetal viability, among other provisions. When pressed Thursday on whether Democrats should work with the two senators, Pelosi pushed back, "We're not going to negotiate a woman's right to choose." Since the court's ruling last month, some activists have accused President Joe Biden and other top Democrats of failing to respond forcefully enough to the decision. Biden, who denounced the court's ruling as "extreme," last week issued an executive order intended to head off some potential penalties that women seeking abortion may face. His administration has also warned medical providers that they must offer abortion if the life of the mother is at risk. Meanwhile, the Democratic National Committee has already launched a digital ad campaign to energize voters on the issue, warning that Republicans' ultimate goal is to outlaw abortion nationwide. "We have to elect a couple more Democratic senators so that we can get around the filibuster so that we can pass legislation that truly impacts a woman's right to choose," she said. "There's no halfway measure." □



President Joe Biden listens as Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer announces his retirement in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Jan. 27, 2022.

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Retired Justice Stephen Breyer joining Harvard law faculty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Justice Stephen Breyer is getting a different title: professor. Harvard said Friday that Breyer, who retired from the Supreme Court June 30, is re-joining its law school faculty. Breyer is a graduate of the law school and first joined the Harvard faculty in 1967. He continued to teach at Harvard after he became a federal appeals court judge in 1980 until

former President Bill Clinton nominated him to the Supreme Court in 1994. Harvard said in a statement that Breyer will "teach seminars and reading groups, continue to write books and produce scholarship, and participate in the intellectual life of the school and in the broader Harvard community." Breyer, 83, does not yet have any classes listed in Harvard's online course

catalog. However, the school said his appointment as Byrne Professor of Administrative Law and Process would be effective immediately. Breyer is a longtime expert in administrative law, the law surrounding government agencies, and co-authored a textbook on the subject. Harvard's announcement included a statement from Breyer. □



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New 988 hotline is the 911 for mental health emergencies

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

Quick help for suicidal thoughts and other mental health emergencies will soon be as easy as 9-8-8.

The United States' first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline goes live on Saturday. It's designed to be as easy to remember and use as 911, but instead of a dispatcher sending police, firefighters or paramedics, 988 will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

The federal government has provided over \$280 million to help states create systems that will do much more, including mobile mental health crisis teams that can be sent to people's homes and emergency mental health centers, similar to urgent care clinics that treat physical aches and pains.

"This is one of the most exciting things that has happened" in mental health care, said Dr. Brian Hepburn, a psychiatrist who heads the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. Hepburn cautions that when 988 kicks off, it will not be like "the flick of a switch. It's going to take a number of years in order for us to be able to reach everybody across the country."

Some states already have comprehensive mental health crisis systems, but others have a long way to go. And widespread shortages of mental health specialists are expected to slow their ability to expand services.

A RAND Corp. survey pub-



Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, speaks during a press conference on the kickoff of 988, a new national mental health hotline, Friday, July 15, 2022, in Philadelphia.

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lished last month found that fewer than half of state or regional public health officials were confident about being ready for 988, which is expected to generate an influx of calls.

Nearly 60% said call-center staffers had specialized suicide prevention training; half said they had mobile crisis response teams available 24/7 with licensed counselors; and fewer than one-third had urgent mental-health care units.

The 988 system will build on the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, an existing network of over 200 crisis centers nationwide staffed by counselors who answer millions of calls each year

— about 2.4 million in 2020. Calls to the old lifeline, 1-800-273-8255, will still go through even with 988 in place.

"If we can get 988 to work like 911 ... lives will be saved," said Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.

Dispatching paramedics for heart attacks and police for crimes makes sense — but not for psychiatric emergencies, mental health advocates say. Calls to 911 for those crises often lead to violent law enforcement encounters and trips to jail or crowded emergency rooms where suicidal people can wait days for treatment.

The 988 system "is a real opportunity to do things right," said Hannah Wesolowski of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Sustained funding will be needed. According to the National Academy of State Health Policy, four states have enacted laws to impose telecommunications fees to support 988 and many others are working on the issue.

A desperate call to a Utah state senator in 2013 helped spark the idea of a three-digit mental health crisis line.

Sen. Daniel Thatcher says a good friend sought his help after taking his suicidal son to an emergency room,

only to be told by a doctor to come back if the boy hurt himself.

Thatcher has battled depression and at 17, he also considered suicide. He knew that despondent people in crisis may lack the wherewithal to seek out help or to remember the 10-digit national suicide lifeline number.

Thatcher found that many of Utah's in-state crisis lines went straight to police dispatchers or voicemail. He wondered why there was no 911 service for mental health, and the idea got national attention after he mentioned it to longtime Sen. Orrin Hatch.

In 2020, Congress passed the bill designating the 3-digit crisis number and then-President Donald Trump signed it into law.

Thatcher's mother was a nurse and knew where to get him help. He says 988 has the potential to make it that easy for others.

"If you get help, you live. It really is that simple," Thatcher said. □

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3 men cleared in 1995 killing of NYC subway token clerk

By JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After decades in prison, three men were cleared Friday in one of the most horrifying crimes of New York's violent 1990s — the killing of a clerk who was set on fire in a subway toll booth.

A judge dismissed the murder convictions of Vincent Ellerbe, James Irons and Thomas Malik after Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez cited "serious problems with the evidence on which these convictions are based." He pointed to doubts about the men's confessions and problems with witness identifications. The three confessed to and were convicted of murdering token seller Harry Kaufman in 1995. The case resounded from New York to Washington to Hollywood, after parallels were drawn between the deadly arson and a scene in the movie "Money Train."

"The findings of an exhaustive, years-long reinvestigation of this case leave us unable to stand by the convictions," Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said in a release. He cited "serious problems with the evidence on which these convictions are based" and acknowledged "the harm



Transit workers dismantle the charred inner wall of a token booth at the Kingston Avenue and Fulton Street subway station in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, Nov. 26, 1995, after attackers sprayed a flammable liquid into the token booth and lit it on fire, according to police.

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done to these men by this failure of our system."

The confessions conflicted with evidence at the scene and with each other, and witness identifications were problematic, prosecutors say. Some of the men have long said they were coerced into falsely confessing in the case, which had a lead detective who later was repeatedly accused of forcing confessions and

framing suspects.

Ellerbe, 44, was paroled in 2020, but Malik and Irons, both 45, have remained in prison.

Malik was still getting his head around the long-awaited news Friday morning that prosecutors were reconsidering the case, lawyer Ronald Kuby said.

"Yesterday was the first day that he actually allowed himself to believe that he's

going to be free," said Kuby, who also represents Ellerbe and said the latter is "extraordinarily happy" to see his conviction thrown out.

Kaufman was working an overnight shift at a Brooklyn subway station on Nov. 26, 1995, when attackers first tried to rob him, then squirted gasoline into the booth and ignited it with matches while he pleaded, "Don't

light it!," authorities said at the time.

The booth exploded, and the 50-year-old Kaufman ran from it in flames. The married father died two weeks later.

The attack bore some resemblance to a scene in "Money Train," an action movie that had been released four days earlier. Then-Senate Majority Leader and Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole took to the Senate floor to call for a boycott of the movie.

Authorities gave mixed signals over the years about whether they believed the film had inspired the killing. Police scoured for suspects and eventually came to question Irons, getting a confession that he was acting as a lookout. He implicated Malik and Ellerbe as the men who had torched the tollbooth.

From their arrests on, Ellerbe and Malik maintained that they had been coerced into false confessions, with Malik saying that Detective Louis Scarcella had screamed at him and slammed his head into a locker. Scarcella testified that he cursed, pounded a table and was trying to scare the then 18-year-old Malik but didn't beat him. □

5-letter word for fun? Hasbro, NYT create Wordle board game



A Wordle game is seen on a mobile phone, Friday, July 15, 2022, in Boston.

Associated Press

By MARK PRATT

Associated Press

The company that makes some of the world's most iconic board games including Scrabble, Monopo-

ly, and Clue is developing a new one based on Wordle, the obsessively popular digital word-guessing game. Hasbro Inc. and The New York Times — which pur-

chased Wordle earlier this year — announced Thursday that Wordle: The Party Game will be available for purchase in North America in October, with preorders already being accepted.

"Since Wordle burst onto the scene, it's undoubtedly been a staple in social and pop culture vocabulary," Adam Biehl, Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based Hasbro's general manager of gaming said in a statement. "We're beyond thrilled to work with New York Times Games to bring our gaming worlds together and extend Wordle in new ways."

In the free online version, players get six tries to guess a five-letter word with only the previous guess providing clues.

The appeal is its ease of play. Start by typing in a five-letter word. If a square turns green, it's the right letter in the right place. If it turns yellow, the letter is in the word but in the incorrect spot. Gray squares mean the letters are not in that day's word.

The drawback is that it can only be played once per day.

The board game will give players the opportunity to play against others, and play as much as they want. One player picks a random five-letter word, and the others try to guess it.

There will also be multiple play options, including classic, fast, timed, or teams, Hasbro and New York Times Games said.

Wordle was created by Josh Wardle, a Brooklyn software engineer. He originally made it for his partner, but released it to the public in October. On Nov. 1, only 90 people had played it. Within two months, that number had grown to 300,000 as the addictive phenomenon spread rapidly on social media.

New York Times Games announced in January that it had purchased the game for an undisclosed price it described as the "low-seven figures," and it now has millions of players per day.

"Wordle truly brought us all together and that's what makes it so special," said Jonathan Knight, head of Games for The New York Times. □

U.N. to vote on choking off small arms from gangs in Haiti

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The U.N. Security Council scheduled a vote Friday on a resolution that calls on all countries to stop the transfer of small arms, light weapons and ammunition to any party supporting gang violence and criminal activity in Haiti, which has seen an upsurge in bloodshed and kidnappings.

The draft by the United States and Mexico does not include an arms embargo as China sought. Other council members said an embargo would be unenforceable.

The back and forth came in negotiations over a resolution to extend the mandate for the U.N. political mission in Haiti. The council's previous authorization for the mission expires Friday. The U.S.-Mexico draft resolution, put in final form late Thursday, would express the council's readiness to impose sanctions that could include travel bans and assets freezes "as necessary" on individuals engaged in or supporting gang violence, criminal activity or human rights violations in Haiti. That language is weaker than China's proposal, which included a



A motorcycle taxi driver carries clients past a burning barricade set by taxi drivers to protest the country's fuel shortage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Associated Press

time frame.

The draft also makes no mention of China's call for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to discuss with various parties possibly establishing a regional police unit to help Haitian police tackle gang violence. Instead, the U.S.-Mexico draft would ask Guterres to consult with Haiti's government, "relevant countries" and regional organizations on "possible options to combat high levels of gang

violence" and to submit a report by Oct. 15.

With the end of the mandate for the U.N. political mission looming, the 15 council members wrangled this week over wording for the new resolution needed to extend the mission. The U.S. and Mexico drew up the original proposal, and China offered revisions Thursday supported by its ally Russia. Among China's proposals was for Guterres to discuss the possibility of

"deploying a multinational police unit" to Haiti. China said it could operate in close coordination with the U.N. political mission "to support the Haitian police's efforts in combating gang violence in order to establish and maintain public safety and law and order and to promote and protect human rights."

The original U.S.-Mexico draft called for beefing up the U.N. mission to include up to 42 police and correc-

tions department advisers, led by a U.N. police commissioner, and staff to ensure that sexual and gender-based violence are addressed.

When the current resolution extending the U.N. mission was adopted in October, Haiti had been contending with the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse last July, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake that killed over 2,200 people in August, and escalating gang-related killings, kidnappings and turf wars.

A year after Moïse's assassination, gang violence is even worse, and Haiti has gone into a freefall that has seen the economy tumble and many Haitians flee the country to escape the turmoil. At the same time, attempts to form a coalition government have faltered, and efforts to hold general elections have stalled.

This week, officials in Haiti's capital reported that dozens of people had died as a result of days of fighting between rival gangs in the violent Cite Soleil neighborhood. Doctors Without Borders said thousands of people were trapped in the district without drinking water, food and medical care. □

Egypt to suspend its peacekeeping role in Mali, UN says

By **BABA AHMED**

Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) —

The United Nations mission in Mali says that Egypt will suspend its participation in the peacekeeping force in the West African country by mid-August, citing deadly attacks against its peacekeepers.

Seven Egyptian peacekeepers have been killed in Mali so far this year, according to officials.

Olivier Salgado, the spokesman of the U.N. mission in Mali, on Friday confirmed that Egypt will suspend its activities in Mali.

"We confirm that Egypt, through its Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, expressed its concern at the begin-

ning of the week at the increase in attacks against its peacekeepers who escort the convoys supplying our bases in the center and northern Mali. These attacks have caused the death of 7 Egyptian soldiers since the beginning of the year," he said in a statement. "We have been informed that as a result, the Egyptian contingent will temporarily suspend its activities within MINUSMA as of August 15." The U.N. said that the safety of its peacekeepers is a priority.

U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said later at U.N. headquarters in New York: "We respect and deeply appreciate the service and significant sacrifice by Egypt and other

countries contributing uniformed personnel to our missions, which operate in extremely difficult and often dangerous conditions." He said the U.N. is also dealing with the Mali government on a number of issues including its suspension of rotations in the U.N. peacekeeping mission, known as MINUSMA.

Egypt currently contributes about 1,030 troops and 24 staff officers to the U.N. Mali mission.

Mali has struggled to contain an Islamic extremist insurgency since 2012. Extremist rebels were forced from power in Mali's northern cities with the help of a French-led military operation, but they regrouped in the desert and began



United Nations armored personnel vehicles are stationed with an ambulance outside a tourist resort near Bamako, Mali, June 18, 2017.

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attacking the Malian army and its allies.

Insecurity has worsened with attacks in the northern and central regions on civilians and U.N. peacekeepers.

The U.N. force has said more than 250 of its peacekeepers and personnel have died since 2013, making Mali the deadliest of the U.N.'s dozen peacekeeping missions worldwide. □

Pacific island national leaders declare climate emergency

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — Pacific island national leaders declared a climate emergency on Friday and agreed to try to bring Kiribati back to the region's main diplomatic grouping.

Kiribati announced it had withdrawn from the 18-member Pacific Islands Forum ahead of a leaders' summit in Fiji this week. The move was seen as a sign of China's growing influence in the region.

In a soon-to-be released communique, the leaders "welcomed and fully supported" the new Australian government's commitment to the forum's climate change priorities, Australian Associated Press reported after seeing the document.

Australia, the wealthiest and most populous of the forum nations, has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by the end of the decade under a new government elected in May.

The previous Australian government had committed to reductions of only 26% to 28% by 2030.

Another clause in the communique pointedly urges



Leaders pose during the family photo at the Pacific Islands Forum leaders summit in Suva, Fiji, Thursday, July 14, 2022.

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all forum nations to deliver "clear progress on turning pledges and commitments into action" consistent with containing global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

Australia's current targets of a 43% reduction by 2030 and net zero by 2050 fall short of that aspiration.

The leaders, many of whom are confronting an existential threat from a warming

planet, consider climate change their greatest security risk and declared a climate emergency.

Fiji Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, who chaired the summit, used Twitter to urge Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to take further action.

"Australia's new climate pledge is a step-up that Fiji has long sought but out of the duty I owe every young

person in the Pacific, I have urged @AlboMP to go further for our family's shared future by aligning Australia's commitment to the 1.5-degree target," Bainimarama posted.

Pacific unity was another key topic for leaders, heightened by Kiribati's withdrawal.

Australia and New Zealand will fund the Suva Agreement, which reforms the

forum and new diplomatic efforts to bring Kiribati back to the fold. While China was not named in the communique, its growing influence in the region was a subject of much discussion among leaders.

The United States, Australia and New Zealand have been among the most vocal critics of a security pact signed between China and the Solomon Islands, host of next year's annual forum leaders' summit.

Details of the pact haven't been made public, but the deal has raised fears of a permanent Chinese military facility within 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) of the northeast Australian coast. Australia already has a security treaty with the Solomon Islands and Australian police have been in the capital, Honiara, maintaining peace since riots late last year.

Australia has argued that the family of forum nations should manage their own security concerns instead of turning to outsiders such as China. The communique appeared to support that view with a commitment to "family first" security in the Pacific. □

Slovenia army starts removing Croatia border razor wire



A Slovenian soldier deployed for the removal of border fence removes razor wire at the border crossing with Croatia in Krmacina, Slovenia, Friday, July 15, 2022.

Associated Press

By DARKO BANDIC

Associated Press

KRMACINA, Slovenia (AP)

— Slovenia's army on Friday started removing a razor wire fence on the border with Croatia that was put up to curb migrant crossings after more than 1

million people fleeing violence or poverty entered Europe in 2015.

About a dozen soldiers used cutters to help unclog the wire that had got entangled in bushes and other greenery along the border, before loading the

rolls into a truck. Officials have said that it could take around five months before the nearly 200-kilometer (around 120-mile) border fence a combination of razor wire and metal panels is taken down.

The decision to scrap the fence was taken by Slovenia's new, liberal government, which took office after an election in April. Officials have said that the border will be monitored by other means, but that it is necessary to prevent any accidents and injuries migrants might face as they seek to reach Western Europe.

"Migrations have not and will not disappear, but this wire was a disproportionate measure," said Interior Minister Tatjana Bobnar, who was present at the site. "Time has shown that no

fence can prevent migration, but has caused many tragedies and people were dying" while trying to cross the Kolpa, or Kupa, river on the border.

Senior police official Bostjan added that "the removed wire will be replaced by changing work methods and tactics," including additional border staff and enhanced international cooperation.

Migrants from the Middle East, Africa or Asia come into Slovenia from Croatia via the so-called Balkan route. Many face perils on their long journeys that often take months, even years of dangerous crossings of seas or rivers, abuse by people smugglers or sleeping rough in cold weather and heat.

The Slovenian government's decision to remove

the fence has faced criticism from right-wing parties that are staunchly opposed to migration. The European Union nation has reported an increase in migrant crossings in the first half of 2022 compared with the previous year, and rightist groups say the wire removal is premature. Interior Minister Bobnar previously has described the border fence as a temporary measure and said that "it is inadmissible for it to become a permanent element of Slovenia's border policy."

The official STA news agency reported that the army will first remove 51 kilometers (30 miles) of the razor wire while the remaining 143 kilometers (90 miles) of the fence will be taken down by a contractor that is yet to be selected. □

Focused on the rescue of culture and folklore

Come see the Acoustic Parade of the Chico Harms Foundation

A vibrant organization with the purpose of complementing and exalting Aruban culture and folklore with activities developed and guided by volunteers, is organizing big activities, among them the Big Folklore Cultural Parade (Gran Parada Folklore Cultural) which will take place in september.

Francisco, better known as 'Chico' Harms, explains that they are preparing the Acoustic Parade tomorrow, the 17th of July, a parade which had to be canceled for two years because of the pandemic. This year it will be a very big event, where they will not use any speakers or electric instruments, but the participants will use their own instruments and they will sing and play instrumental music.

This parade will start by the church in Brazil and finish at the community center in Brazil, where the celebrations will continue.

For the 23rd and 30th of July, there will be the Aruban Street Song Festival (Festival Cantica di Caya Arubano), which started with various groups interpreting the same song, which after it was decided to make it in the context of a street song. Currently they have nine young children participating who will sing on the 23rd, and 13 adults who will also be singing on the 30th of July.

Leo Harms, who together with Marcia Dirks gave information regarding the Cultural Folklore Queen of Aruba, explained that the queen election is planned for the 20th of August in the children category, and for the 27th of August for Cultural Lady (Dama Cultural) and Great Cultural Lady (Gran Dama Cultural).

On the 27th of August will be held the show for Dama and Gran Dama, and Dirks emphasizes that the focus is on the cultural and folkloric aspects of the clothing and presentation. He said

that not a lot of people need to be on stage, but rather, must present culture and customs of Aruba.

On the 2nd of September there will be a Parade with Lanterns in Brazil. This year marks five years that this parade is on the streets, and 'it was well received and it is so pretty, because the lanterns in the hours of the night are very beautiful', according to Harms.

The big parade itself is announced for the upcoming 4th of September, 'Cultural Folklore of Brazil'. In this parade there will be nine big groups participating, with five bands and five disco. "It will become a beautiful parade this year, and seeing the enthusiasm for it, surely it will become something super beautiful", Harms commented.

With all these activities upcoming, a call goes out to the community of the town of Brazil and Aruba in general, to partake in order to preserve and promote



cultural folklore. With this and support our cultural in mind, the invitation goes out to watch this parade folklore.

Aruba number two in the Caribbean for CFATF evaluation

"An excellent result"

Recently Aruba underwent the evaluation of the Caribbean institute, Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF). Prime minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes expressed that she is extremely proud of the work done by agencies in the public, semi-public and private sector in Aruba.

Last Thursday, the government of Aruba received the information

that Aruba has an excellent AML/CFT regimen, which is something of which Aruba can be proud. The prime minister explained that since the government assumed office in 2017, it has been working with a steering group, which is led by Wever-Croes together with other professionals who assist the government in this. The focus of the steering group is on money laundering and financing of terrorism.

Thus the excellent result for Aruba in the evaluation comes from the big effort of the professionals in the public, semi-public and private sector of Aruba.

Between years 2018 and 2020, a National Risk Assessment was carried out on money laundering and terrorism in Aruba. This is a method of the World Bank to evaluate the risk of money laundering and financing of terrorism on a national level. This was done with the public and private sector. Also the National Ordinance on the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Landsverordening voorkoming witwassen en terrorisme financiering, LWTF) was changed in 2021.

Wever-Croes explains that the preparations for the evaluation started in 2018 and the evaluation itself should've taken place in 2020, but this was postponed because of Covid. During this period, Aruba sent a lot of information to

CFATF. Afterwards, a group from CFATF itself which evaluated Aruba came to perform an on-site visit between the 30th of August and the 10th of September 2021. After this, the process to write up a report started. The report was made in concept based on what the assessment team prepared and was sent to Aruba to review. After this there was a meeting on the contents to address the conclusions of the assessment team, which took place during May and June 2022.

On the 2nd of June there was a plenary meeting via Zoom, and there the report was approved.

Result of the Evaluation

Aruba was number two in the entire Caribbean for the CFATF evaluation. Bermuda was number one. It was noted that various countries in the Caribbean have difficulty passing the evaluation, thus the result for Aruba is one that makes everyone proud.



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Team Member Appreciation Week, 2022, Highlights an Engaging Workplace



PALM BEACH – Over the past two weeks, the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino celebrated its Team Appreciation Week during the annual Team Member Appreciation Week.

The activities corresponded with the company's credo, being in the business of people serving people, and continuously investing in Team Members to ensure their ongoing job satisfaction.

What better way than fun interactions in casual, and informal environments?

Activities took off with a Team Members Appreciation Luncheon on June 27th, in the Grand Ballroom, including a magic show. The following day, Team Members embarked on a group hike, from the Balashi Gold mill ruins to the ocean at Spanish Lagoon, for a unique and educational encounter with

Nature.

Another successful social activity was bowling, at the Eagle Bowling Palace, with DJ entertainment and prizes for the winning team. The team with the craziest outfits also received a prize.

The most animated and energetic activity of the week was the Saturday Night Soccer Match, where two all-star line-

ups showed off and challenged their legwork and soccer skills.

The Gratitude Tree was a popular inhouse activity, as Team Members were asked to express their thoughts of appreciation of each other and their work place, by filling a barren tree placed at the Team Member Cafeteria, with leaves, each leaf bearing a written message of appreciation towards other individuals, the property, Hilton, Aruba, or even the universe.

The resort provided blank leaves to each department to be filled out with appreciation and gratitude messages, and added them to the tree over a period of one week. By the end of the week, the tree was full of leaves.

"It's all about our Team Members," says General Manager Vasco Baselli, "they are the reason why the light and warmth of hospitality is shining brighter than ever before." The time spent in the company of peers, filled with positive gestures and kindness, contributed to an unforgettable series of events to help Team Members grow and flourish. □



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Tourism in June 2022 showed a strong recovery

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association (AHATA), recently published the hotel data for June 2022.

This data compares the information with June 2019, 2021, and 2022. It shows a strong recovery for tourism for June 2022.

Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber. The Minister of Tourism stated that it is no secret that the Government's strategy is to target high-quality tourists with a yearly income of over \$150,000.00 and who spend plenty in the local economy.

The occupancy grade for June 2022 increased by 17% compared to June 2021. Compared to June 2019, Aruba's record-breaking year for tourism, this is only 3% less. Aruba ranks as the

second tourist destination with such an impressive recovery.

In addition to the occupancy grade, the REV PAR in June 2022 showed an increase of 31.6% compared to June 2021 and 18.7% compared to June 2019. The REV PAR for June 2022 was an impressive \$223.97

The REV PAR is a significant indicator used to measure the quality of tourists who visit Aruba. The REV PAR is the amount a tourist is willing to pay for a room per night. Aruba is proud of having the highest REV PAR in the Caribbean. It shows that the tourists who visit Aruba are high-quality guests.

Another important indicator is the ADR (average daily rate) which also shows an increase of 22.1%.



The Average Daily Rate for June 2022 was \$277.52 compared to \$227.32 in June 2019.

Tourism remains the main

driver of our economy. The June 2022 results confirm that Aruba's tourism recovery is on the right track. The government tourism policy is getting good results and is attracting high-quality

tourists as indicated by the AHATA.

The Minister of Tourism, Dangui Oduber, is grateful to all who work on the success of our tourism. □

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The National Library of Aruba presents the digital historic photography collection of Maarten van Wamelen

Oranjestad - The National Library of Aruba (BNA) is presenting a rare and unique photographic collection on their digital platform of historic photographs of Maarten van Wamelen.

The library acquired and digitalized the collection due to its historic value. It is currently available to the public. The acquisition of this collection is thanks to the financial support of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribisch Gebied.

The album is about an "ex-pat" worker who lived in Aruba in the 1930s. Maarten Adrianus van Wamelen was an engineer born in 1909 in Dordrecht in the Netherlands. The collection



pictures of this ship, this ship helped 85 German Jews escape Germany and brought them to Venezuela.

During World War II, the Van Wamelen-Schupper left Europe again and established in Curacao, where Mr. van Wamelen took a job at the DOW Curacao. Soon after World War II ended, they moved to Ontario, Canada. It is through an antiquarian that the National Library was able to acquire this gem of a photo collection.

includes the initial trip of Mr. van Wamelen to Aruba on the German ship 'Heinz Horn' in January 1933, his job at the LAGO Refinery, his tourist photographs, his private life as an ex-pat in

Aruba, and the first flight of the KLM's "De Snip" airplane in December 1934, the arrival of his fiancé Ms. Nelly Schupper in 1935, their wedding in January 1936 and the birth of their first daughter Mia.

he last photographs of the album are photos of the Caribia ship of the Hamburg-America Line (HAPAG). Exactly one month before he took the

The public can enjoy this unique collection on the Digital Collection of the BNA at the following link; <https://digital.bna.aw/album1939>.



The album also includes photographs taken in Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Curacao. Mr. Van Wamelen later started working for Eagle/Arend Refinery owned by Shell/Koninklijke Olie. In 1939, the Van Wamelen family moved back to the Netherlands, just before the turbulent time in the history of Europe and the World.



Can I have a ..., please?

ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change?? How about a different breakfast from what you are used to at your hotel. Hop in your car, drive around and anywhere around the island you will come across a local snack shop.

Here you will find all types of snacks loved by the locals. Try a pastechi, a Caribbean pastry filled with cheese or meat and fried up deliciously. Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, a crusty little meat ball. A dedito is also a good option, it's a stick made out of cheese or hot-dog. If you want to try something more familiar go for a homemade hamburger or a ham and cheese toast, but with a local touch. All these snacks are ridiculously addictive.

Freshen up with a delicious fruit shake (batido) made out of watermelon, strawberry, banana, papaya or just mix any fruit together. What makes these little snack shops more attractive is the warmth of its people and with the smile you are being served.□



Director of Trampolin pa Trabou, Lionel Rumnit: The continuous search for the balance between wellness and independence for people with disabilities

"I am so happy with my work as a job coach. The tension to achieve balance between the needs of an employer and the interest of a person with a disability fills me with energy", is how Lionel Rumnit (55) from Trampolin pa Trabou sees his responsibility.

These days, Rumnit feels that there is a current in the air to recognize that people with disabilities can make a big contribution in the labor market. In any case, the interest is coming from smaller employment agencies, which like Flexo, recognizes an attractive market: that a person with a disability might just be the worker that a company needs, seeing their wish to be as independent as possible. "I receive a lot of requests, there are companies which invite me to come speak to them. A new café will open at Cas di Cultura, and they approached me to see if clients from Trampolin pa Trabou can get a job. All these are very interesting conversations."

On the other hand, many people believe that Trampolin pa Trabou is also some sort of employment agency, and this belief is also a little bit correct, according to Rumnit. "But on a very small scale. We are a small foundation, with a small administration which cannot manage every detail of personnel. But we manage to put people in jobs through Trampolin. But

what we do is protecting our clients."

Most of their clients receive government assistance, which means they have small income guaranteed, and if they must work more than 20 hours per week, they would receive a salary above 500 Florins, which means they would lose the government assistance. "This way they get the sense that they are contributing, earning something extra, but the 500 is also the level in which they have to start paying taxes. If they remain below it, there's no problem." The objective of such an exercise is to improve the quality of life of the person in another way than being home. "The construction through Trampolin is to give this group some sort of security, so that if they don't succeed in the labor sector, they can always come back." On the other hand, Rumnit has noticed a development in the sense that the first group was more insecure, and with time, Trampolin's clients are becoming more confident in themselves to take a job. "Doors are open and most of them are ready for this. And this is particularly after at Trampolin they discovered each of their talents."

Rumnit's personal experience

Lionel Rumnit knows what it's like to live with a person with a disability. His sibling was deaf. But he never thought about working in

this area. He attended MTS in Aruba and then started a work cycle at Utrechtse Werkbedrijven, a company that is similar to Trampolin but on a bigger scale. And it was here where Rumnit got his role as a job coach. He is not a social worker, and maybe for this reason, he is not focused solely on making sure to take care of people with disabilities, but on finding the practical way so that both the clients and employer can be happy with each other.

His work can bring happiness many times, but also frustration. The big happiness when Trampolin's clients manage to get a stable job, but also the great frustration when for one reason or another they cannot find a space. Rumnit doesn't blame anyone, because the reality is that it's not an easy process. Aruba still doesn't have a system to reward and motivate companies to take in people with disabilities at work. And these arrangements, which do exist in the Netherlands for example, are essential. Rumnit doesn't see the worth only for his clients to work, he understands also the challenge for the employer, a business owner who needs people who can help the company grow and prosper. In other words, it's not just about finding a job, but to make sure that both the client is protected and safe, with the warranties that an em-



ployer provides.

On the other hand, the employer must be able to find the motivation, through a law that stimulates it. Particularly because it takes time to make sure that a person with disabilities can find the right rhythm to function. "I worked in the Netherlands and I saw how many people with disabilities are employed. But in Aruba there is no incentive and no motivation. Many times a person with disabilities gets his financial aid and at the same time the message to not go to work, because they will lose it." In other words, it is a system that supports itself. And here is where the laws should be change for this group, which is sizeable. Even though there are no numbers available yet from the Census 2020, the numbers from 2010 speak of seven thousand persons with disabilities who rely on financial aid. "If we can achieve that one third of this group gets a job, the government would save about 3 to 4 million florins each year." In other words, it's common sense to make

laws to give incentives to employers to take in workers with disabilities and make sure that there are safe conditions for everyone.

Rumnit, who has his own family, has managed to balance work and home. He can put the worries from work aside to be present at home, and to be fresh every day to work with people who must be able to trust him. And perhaps the challenges are big, but what motivates Lionel Rumnit is the achievements of people like Lisa Tromp, who even though she is blind, now works as a cook at Sizzlers. Something that for many employers is hard to imagine, but only by giving an opportunity to people who want to show that they want to be self-sufficient despite challenges, the balance can be achieved, something that for Rumnit is so essential.

"These are the experiences that give me a lot of encouragement to continue with my own work", Rumnit says.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Europe as a budget-friendly travel option? It's true in 2022



Tourists take pictures in front of the Pyramid in the Louvre Museum courtyard in Paris, France, on June 20, 2022.

Associated Press

By SAM KEMMIS of Nerd-Wallet

Flying to Europe this year might sound as absurd as opting for premium gasoline. With prices this high, is it really the right time to splurge?

"As a result of labor shortages and all these things going on, travel is more expensive than it's been in a while," says travel journalist Oneika Raymond. "Flights are really expensive. Accommodation is really expensive. And revenge travel is a thing."

Although travel prices continue to soar overall due to constrained supply and mounting demand, pockets of affordability remain. Europe represents one of these pockets, where weakening currency exchange rates against the dollar and tepid demand have left prices relatively unscathed. In fact, flights within the U.S. have become so expensive this year that some international destinations, including many in Europe, offer a relative bargain.

"If you are willing to pay to fly domestically, check out international destinations," suggests Hayley Berg, lead economist at Hopper, a travel booking app. "Because there is a good chance that there is a flight to somewhere else in the world for about the same price."

AIRFARE IS LESS INFLATED IN EUROPE

Domestic airfare was 30% higher at the end of May

2022 compared with May 2019, according to data from Hopper.

"Airfare this summer within the U.S. will cost \$600 to \$800," says Berg. "At those prices you can get to Reykjavik, Iceland, or Dublin, Ireland."

Indeed, flights from the U.S. to Europe were only up 13% at the end of May 2022 compared with the same period in 2019, according to Hopper. That trend squares with tourist demand, which remains below pre-pandemic levels: About 19% fewer U.S. travelers left for Europe in May 2022 compared with May 2019, before the pandemic, according to data from the International Trade Administration.

Put simply, prices and demand for flights to Europe are increasing, but not as quickly as they are elsewhere.

"Given how high domestic airfare is, you can get more bang for your buck with longer-haul destinations," explains Berg.

THE DOLLAR IS STRONG

Although 2022 may go down as a bear market for everything from stocks to cryptocurrency, the U.S. dollar has gained ground on many foreign currencies. The dollar was 15% stronger against the euro in May 2022 compared with May 2021, according to data from the Federal Reserve.

"Today what we're seeing is that a dollar can buy more euros than it has been able

to essentially since the euro launched," says Berg.

This means that anything purchased while traveling in countries that use the euro will be at a 15% discount, if currency exchange rates remain stable. U.S. travelers will enjoy this benefit on everything from food and lodging to events and transportation. Of course, global inflationary pressures continue to drive up prices everywhere, including Europe. Annual consumer prices in Germany were up 7.9% in May, according to the Financial Times, just shy of the 8.6% increase in the U.S. Yet, while prices may remain elevated nearly everywhere, the relative strength of the dollar can help soften the blow.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAN HELP YOU SAVE

Inflation has hit no aspect of travel more directly and dramatically than the cost of renting and operating a vehicle. Rental cars prices were up a budget-busting 69% in May 2022 compared with May 2019, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. And everybody knows how high gasoline prices have jumped.

These factors should make this the summer of public transportation for money-conscious travelers. Yet the U.S. offers few tourist destinations that can be explored by train.

Not so in Europe, where most popular cities offer safe, affordable and dependable transit. Cities such as Amsterdam, London and Copenhagen can be explored for only a few euros, which is equivalent to only a few U.S. dollars with favorable exchange rates.

Visiting national parks in the U.S. made sense in 2020 and 2021 for a host of reasons. But saving money in 2022 means skipping cars outright when possible.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH?

We are in strange times indeed when traveling to Europe represents an off-the-beaten-path, budget-friendly choice. □

25 million kids missed routine vaccinations because of COVID

GENEVA (AP) — About 25 million children worldwide have missed out on routine immunizations against common diseases like diphtheria, largely because the coronavirus pandemic disrupted regular health services or triggered misinformation about vaccines, according to the U.N.

In a new report published Friday, the World Health Organization and UNICEF said their figures show 25 million children last year failed to get vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, a marker for childhood immunization coverage, continuing a downward trend that began in 2019.

"This is a red alert for child health," said Catherine Russell, UNICEF's Executive Director.

"We are witnessing the largest sustained drop in childhood immunization in a generation," she said, adding that the consequences would be measured in lives lost.

Data showed the vast majority of the children who failed to get immunized were living in developing countries, namely Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Nigeria and the Philippines. While vaccine coverage fell in every world region, the worst effects were seen in East Asia and the Pacific. Experts said this "historic backsliding" in vaccination coverage was especially disturbing since it was occurring as rates of severe malnutrition were rising. Malnourished children typically have weaker immune systems and infections like measles can often prove fatal to them.

"The convergence of a hunger crisis with a growing immunization gap threatens to create the conditions for a child survival crisis," the U.N. said.

Scientists said low vaccine coverage rates had already resulted in preventable outbreaks of diseases like measles and polio. In March 2020, WHO and partners asked countries to suspend their polio eradication efforts amid the accelerating COVID-19 pandemic. There have since been dozens of polio epidemics in more than 30 countries. "This is particularly tragic as tremendous progress was made in the two decades before the COVID pandemic to improve childhood vaccination rates globally," said Helen Bedford, a professor of children's health at University College London, who was not connected to the U.N. report. She said the news was shocking but not surprising, noting that immunization services are



An infant receives a routine vaccination at First Georgia Physician Group Pediatrics in Fayetteville, Ga., Aug. 17, 2021.

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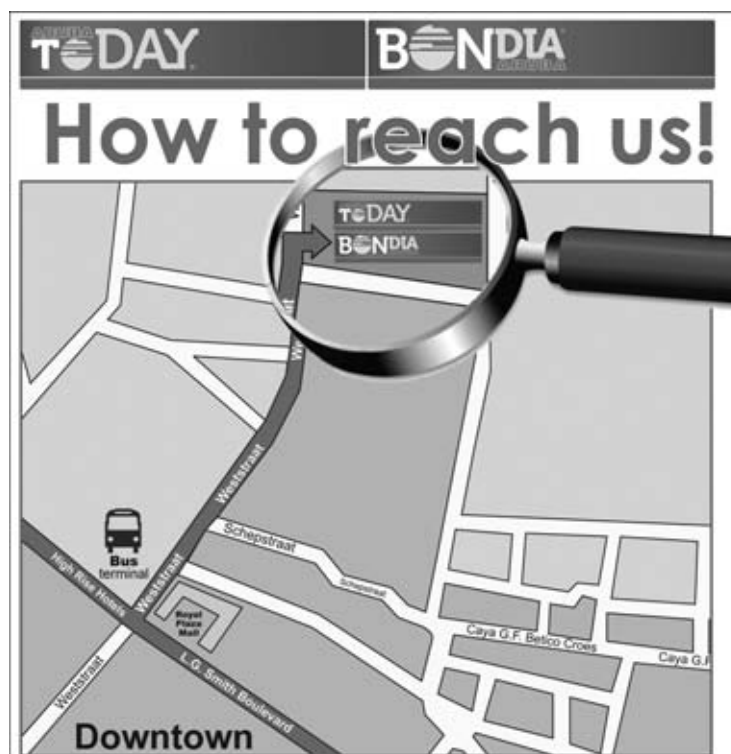
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frequently an "early casualty" of major social or economic disasters.

Dr. David Elliman, a consultant pediatrician at Britain's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, said it was critical to reverse the declining vaccination trend among children.

"The effects of what happens in one part of the world can ripple out to affect the whole globe," he said in a statement, noting the rapid spread of COVID-19 and more recently, monkeypox. "Whether we act on the basis of ethics or 'enlightened self interest',

we must put (children) top of our list of priorities."



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Emotional exit for Woods, big chance for Smith at St Andrews

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland

(AP) — Tiger Woods made an early and emotional departure Friday from the British Open, possibly for the last time at St. Andrews. Cameron Smith can only wonder if the 150th Open will be his arrival as an undisputed elite player.

Smith already won The Players Championship this year and has risen to as high as No. 3 in the world. His 8-under 64 gave him his first lead in a major, by two shots over PGA Tour rookie Cameron Young. Rory McIlroy was lurking another shot behind.

"It's obviously a really good spot to be in," Smith said. "I feel like I've been in this spot a lot over the past couple of years, and things just haven't quite gone my way yet."

Woods strode over the Swilcan Bridge without stopping to pose for pictures and said it "felt like the whole tournament was right there" when he walked the final 356 yards of what was otherwise a long day of 75 to miss the cut.

Woods didn't retire from major championship golf or the British Open. He's just



Tiger Woods of the US gestures to the crowd at the end of his second round of the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday July 15, 2022.

Associated Press

not sure a right leg held together by hardware or a lower spine that has been fused will allow him to compete when the Open returns to St. Andrews again. "It's very emotional for me," he said. "To me it felt like this might have been my last British Open here at St. Andrews. And the fans, the ovation and the warmth, it was an unbelievable feeling."

About the time Woods was saluting thousands of fans crammed into so many spaces around St. Andrews, Smith was making birdie after birdie to take the lead. Right when it looked like it couldn't get any better, he holed a 65-foot eagle putt on the 14th hole.

Young overcame a few mistakes and closed with a birdie for a 69, putting him in the last group with Smith

going into the weekend.

McIlroy got one of the loudest cheers — for a shot, not a farewell — with his 25-foot birdie on the tough Road Hole at the 17th. He missed a birdie chance on the 18th. Still, it was important for him to back up a great start (66) with a solid round (69). He was tied with Viktor Hovland, who delivered his own thrills by holing out from 139 yards for eagle on

the par-4 15th hole and finishing with a birdie for a 66. Smith was at 13-under 131, the lowest 36-hole score in the Open at St. Andrews.

Even a weekend without Woods is set up for great theater.

Dustin Johnson, who already has a Masters green jacket and a U.S. Open title at Oakmont, played early in the best conditions of the week — light rain that took some of the fire out of the Old Course and then a warming sun — for a 67. He was four shots back. Right behind was Masters champion Scottie Scheffler with another 68.

Smith is building a reputation as a great putter, a great weapon to have on the greens at St. Andrews, and he plays without fear. He opened with three straight birdies and then began to pull away around the loop at the far end of the course.

He holed an 18-foot putt on No. 7, made birdie from 30 feet on the par-3 eighth and then drove the 10th green and two-putted from some 90 feet for a third birdie in four holes.

The big blow came at the par-5 14th when Smith buried the long eagle putt. □

Pedersen posts maiden Tour stage win, Vingegaard keeps lead



Denmark's Mads Pedersen celebrates as he crosses the finish line ahead of Britain's Fred Wright, rear left, and Canada's Hugo Houle, rear right, to win the thirteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 193 kilometers (119.9 miles) with start in Le Bourg d'Oisans and finish in Saint-Etienne, France, Friday, July 15, 2022.

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SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP)

— Former world champion Mads Pedersen attacked from the start, then delivered in style on the finish line to claim his first stage

win at the Tour de France on Friday.

After spending the day at the front, the one-day classic specialist attacked from a group of six riders with 12

kilometers left and dropped three rivals on the road leading to Saint-Etienne. He perfectly timed his final move about 250 meters from the finish to leave his two remaining opponents in his wake with a powerful burst of speed.

Fred Wright of Britain was second and Hugo Houle of Canada completed the stage podium.

Pedersen was crowned world champion in 2019. He also won Gent-Wevelgem two years ago but had never tasted victory in a Grand Tour.

"I finally take the win I was looking for," Pedersen said. "Coming to the Tour, I knew my shape was good but I missed the opportunities in the first week. I took my chance today. It's really nice to get the reward."

It's a very successful Tour

for Danish riders, who have posted three stage wins since the start of the race in Copenhagen in addition to the yellow jersey taken by Jonas Vingegaard this week.

"I guess it's super nice to be a Danish guy at the moment," Vingegaard said.

Following two brutal days of racing in the Alps, Vingegaard enjoyed a quiet day in the pack, well protected by his Jumbo-Visma teammates. Two-time defending champion Pogacar, who gave away the iconic tunic in the first big mountain stage at the Col du Granon, did not try anything to unsettle Vingegaard during the 193-kilometer Stage 13 which started in Le Bourg d'Oisans.

Their battle is expected to resume next week in the

thin air of the Pyrenees mountains before the race ends in Paris in nine days. Overall, Vingegaard leads Pogacar by two minutes, 22 seconds. The 2018 champion Geraint Thomas was third, 2:26 off the pace. Pedersen was the first attacker of the day amid a flurry of unsuccessful moves on large sections of road. A group of three riders finally went clear in the the short côte de Brié climb.

Two-time time trial world champion Filippo Ganna was first at the top ahead of Stefan Kung and Matteo Jorgenson. The trio was joined by Pedersen, Houle, Quinn Simmons and Wright. They opened a gap of about two minutes as the peloton of main contenders looked happy to let them go after a frenetic opening hour of racing. □

Scherzer, Harper, others discuss how NL DH rule changes game

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
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Max Scherzer misses hitting. He misses pitching to pitchers.

And yet the New York Mets right-hander is just fine with the full-time addition of the designated hitter to the National League as of this season, nearly 50 years after the American League adopted it.

"The biggest benefit," the three-time Cy Young Award winner said, "is that the sport is under one set of rules."

So now all Major League Baseball games, regardless of location, include a DH in the lineup. The ballot for Sunday's All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium included a DH for the NL (reigning MVP Bryce Harper of the Philadelphia Phillies led the voting for that spot but is out with a broken left thumb and will be replaced by William Contreras of the World Series champion Atlanta Braves). And scoring is up in the NL in 2022.

"In the future, you might be able to do some type of realignment, because everyone has the same rules," Scherzer said. "I don't know what it would look like, but you have more possibilities to do that."

Adding the DH should increase offense by putting a real batter in the lineup. It also changes a manager's job by eliminating some of the decisions about pinch-hitting, double-switching, etc.

"I've thought about it a few times: 'When's the pitcher coming up?'" Arizona Diamondbacks skipper Torey Lovullo said early in the season.

Runs per game for NL teams were at 4.5 through June this season, an increase from 4.31 through June in 2021 (although still down from 4.78 in 2019).

Over that same portion of each year from 2017-21 (minus the pandemic-shortened 2020), pitchers for NL teams combined to produce a .154 batting average, .152 slugging percentage and .306 OPS with per-season average league-wide totals of 7.6



New York Mets' Max Scherzer throws during a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds in Cincinnati on July 5, 2022.

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homers and 79.2 RBIs. Compare that to the NL DH stats this year: .241 average, .408 slugging, .728 OPS, 159 homers and 567 RBIs.

"We don't really think about it anymore. It's just part of the game now," Harper said.

"The DH is here and I don't think it's going anywhere anytime soon."

Scherzer said he was hoping for additional tweaks to the way the DH works — he called it the "double-hook DH."

Here's how that would work: Either the player in the batting order as the DH would need to leave the game when his team's starting pitcher gets removed or if the starting pitcher made a qualifying start by some measure — going five innings, say, or lasting 100 pitches — then his team would get to keep using its DH for the full game.

"If you connect the DH and the starting pitcher together, it would help promote keeping the starter in longer," said Scherzer, who is 6-1 with a 2.15 ERA this season. "I feel like the game is using the starting pitcher less and less, and I think

that's just a problem from an aesthetic standpoint." Here are some perspectives on having the DH in the NL:

SLUGGER WHO WOULD RATHER NOT DH

"If I DH too much, I don't want to be labeled something that I'm not. Personally, my favorite thing to do is to be out there in the field. I love playing first base. I feel like I can best contribute to the team by being out there. I'm young, I'm healthy, I'm fit, so I want to be out there as much as possible. When I'm older — if I'm still playing at 38, let's say — yeah, sure, I'll take a few extra DH days." — Pete Alonso, New York Mets.

PLAYER WHO LIKES HAVING THE OPTION

"I grew up liking the National League style of the game. I really enjoyed seeing the pitcher hit and everything that went into the

game with that. But this year, of course, it's turned a little bit for me — being able to DH while (I was) hurt (earlier) really helped me out and helped my team out." — Harper, able to bat when he couldn't play the outfield because of an injured elbow, but now sidelined after getting hit by a pitch.

VETERAN DH NOW WITH AN NL CLUB

"It's good for players: It will lengthen careers. It's good for the game, I guess, because fans want to see hitters hit. And it protects pitchers, too, so they don't have to hit or run the bases. ... You have to commit to being a DH full-time or, when you get a chance to be a DH, you just need to commit to being a hitter. The first few years, it was hard for me to just DH. I had to embrace the position. It was a process." — Nelson

Cruz, Washington Nationals.

PITCHER WHO ENJOYED HITTING

"I enjoyed the grind of having to get in the cage to hit. I didn't look at it as a problem. ... I didn't want to view myself as a pitcher trying to hit. No, my run means just as much as your run, so I'm going to run the bases the way you run the bases." — Scherzer.

PITCHER OK WITH NOT HITTING

"There's certain games where you're definitely not excited to go up to the plate. You've struggled through a couple innings on the mound, and you're just trying to catch your breath." — Erik Fedde, Washington Nationals.

PITCHER ON HOW IT CHANGES THE ROUTINE

"In some ways, it's easier to be in a better routine, because you don't have to hit. So now every inning is the same for you. ... It's easier to just focus on pitching." — Scherzer.

PITCHER ON WHY IT CAN BE HELPFUL FOR FOCUS

"I do know some guys would lose the strike zone when they faced pitchers. I just try to take the positive out of it: Facing a DH keeps you in your rhythm of really staying focused." — Fedde.

MANAGER ON WHAT'S DIFFERENT

"I love the strategy of the pitcher hitting. It changes the game. You're able to manipulate the lineup to create advantages — sometimes a disadvantage, if you have the wrong player in the wrong situation. It's a different style of baseball, because you lose one portion of being strategic. But I love the idea of the offense being able to step up there and smash the baseball and put up crooked numbers." — Lovullo. □



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